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The case was then adjourned by Mr. Ewan until 9:30 the morning of the return of Mr. M. A. Davidson.

Colony of British Subjects who had fought for the Colony and in other ways served it in time of peace and war, while at the same time they appeared to welcome the influx of thousands of undesirable characters who are today disturbing the peace and tranquility of the Colony. The time has come for a full enquiry into the workings of the Immigration Department and the sooner that steps are taken

Dixon appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer on formal remand yesterday when the date was set. He is accused of the manslaughter of a Chinese woman in a traffic accident on June 8.

Mr. R. S. Smith will appear for the prosecution. It was stated in Court that Dixon will be furnished with a legal representative when the case comes up for hearing.

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Pessimism Pervades Peiping's Executive Hqs.

Handed Over To Chinese Army

Five of nine men arrested by the police in connection with an alleged conspiracy to commit armed robberies, were discharged by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Det-Inspector Mottram, prosecuting, said that the Chinese Gendarmes had verified the fact that the five were members of the Chinese armed forces. They had been handed over to the Chinese Military Authorities.

Two more of the accused were also discharged on application by the police.

The remaining two, Wong Luen Tai, charged with possession of two hand grenades, and Leung Hung, charged with possession of a revolver, were remanded in police custody until July 8.

Uncorroborated Evidence

William Mak, an R.A.F. plant operator, was acquitted by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday of a charge of unlawful possession and unlawful receiving of three motor-lorry tyres and a motor-lorry wheel, property of the Military Authorities.

The Magistrate ruled that he could not accept the evidence of William Lee, a mechanic, originally charged on the same count, without the corroboration of another witness. The charge against Lee had been withdrawn and he had appeared as a Crown Witness against Mak.

"I cannot convict on the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice," Mr. Latimer said in discharging Mak.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE
Outward Mails

SATURDAY, 29th JUNE.
Kongmoon (Luen Hop II) 9.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Kwelyang) 10.00 a.m.
Formosa (Hoi Shou) 10.00 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Empire Perla) (Parcels) 12.30 p.m. (Ord.) 1.00 p.m.
Fookchow (Moo Wah) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 10.16 a.m., (Ord.) 10.50 a.m.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Hohow (Artemis) Noon.
Shanghai (E-Sang) Noon.
Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia (Tijlbadak) 3.00 p.m.
Bangkok (Fort Amsterdam) 3.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa and Bombay (Lounreco Marques) 3.00 p.m.
U.S.A. Central and South America via San Francisco (Pan American Victory) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.45 p.m., (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.
Canada via Vancouver, B.C. (Samdant) (Parcels) 2.30 p.m., (Reg.) 2.45 p.m., (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 30th JUNE.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Haliphong (Bust) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (Fatsan) 10.00 a.m.

MONDAY, 1st JULY.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Formosa (Hoi Shou) 10.00 a.m.
Straits (Anhui) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Johannesburg, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 28/8 5.00 p.m., (Ord.) 1/7 10.50 a.m.
Kongmoon (Fook Hoi) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd JULY.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Haliphong (Empire Labrador) 10.00 a.m.
Straits (Edna) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Tibesar) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 10.16 a.m., (Ord.) 10.50 a.m.
Shanghai (Fakhol) 1.00 p.m.
Swatow (Halyang) 2.00 p.m.
Wuchow (Shuang Hoi) 2.00 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.

Suspense hangs heavily through the corridors of Executive Headquarters. Within the next two or three days — perhaps a little longer — the verdict for all-out civil war or peace for China's sorrowful millions will be reached.

As word was awaited from the Nanking government either to close the Headquarters down or to allow it to resume its efforts toward peace, pessimism pervades the entire structure more so within the Central government and Communist branches than among the Americans.

These next two or three days are tensely critical, leaders of the American branch admit.

"But I'm certain," one of them asserted, "that Gen. George C. Marshall has not yet given up the fight."

Criticizing the pessimistic attitude among some personnel, another declared, "no one here, not even the Communist members, know what instructions Mao Tse-tung gave Chou En-lai."

Chou, the Communist member of the Committee of Three at Nanking, flew to Red headquarters at Yenan to confer with Communist leader Mao as soon as the 15-day truce for Manchuria was declared. He has presented Mao's terms at Nanking.

Wild Rumours

"And without that information," he added, "no one has the least inkling how the negotiations are progressing."

Beneath this optimism on the part of the Americans surges the bitter propaganda from both the Communists and the Nationalists — obviously preparations in case the negotiations fail. And wild rumours sweep throughout the halls of the beautiful P.U.M.C. building.

Although isolated incidents of truce violations were to be expected, the alleged Communist attacks on Government positions in the Northeast have jolted Headquarters and heightened anxiety.

The untimely Red uprising in the Shantung peninsula has made the situation even more critical.

Communist propagandists contend that the Shantung incident is not a violation of the cease fire truce which pertains only to Manchuria.

But it is a violation of the truce made five months ago — the Jan. 10 agreement to halt all hostilities in China's civil war.

Pessimists' Case

Rumours that Gen. Tu Luming, commander of the Government forces in Manchuria, will abrogate the cease fire truce and resume the offensive unless the Communists stop their attacks are mixed with Communist accusations that the Nationalists have falsified their positions in the Northeast to gain a head start when the truce expires.

Here is why some circles are pessimistic:

1. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has a reputation among the Chinese that while he is willing to concede considerably, once he has made up his mind he stubbornly refuses to change it regardless of cost.
2. The Generalissimo was obviously adamant when he handed out that ultimatum that the Communists recognize the Government's right to reassume Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria and to restore communications.
3. Thus the Communists virtually would have to give up 70 per cent of Manchuria which they control. Many observers believe they won't do that.

Entirely Wrong

But others think they will. Here is why:

1. The Communists were entirely wrong in their attitude toward Manchuria and they know it.
2. The Jan. 10 agreement clearly states that the cessation of hostilities was not to prejudice the future movements of the forces.
3. The National Army had been in Manchuria which are now being restored to the Government. The situation is a similar one.

Peiping, June 28.

Student organizations here today discussed plans for sending a mass delegation to Nanking to press their petitions for peace and unity in China.

A spokesman for the students said that the delegation probably would number thousands and would march to the capital if railway transportation were not available. — Associated Press.

"Halt Aid"

Nanking, June 28.

The Peoples' Organizations in Communist liberated areas demanded today that the United States halt military aid to China.

They sent a message to President Truman and American Congressmen that the present bill before Congress providing military aid for China would "encourage Chinese warlike people to break out into a full-scale civil war. For the sake of Chinese-American peace and democracy and for the sake of the traditional friendship between China and the United States, we demand that the United States government refuse to pass this bill."

The Communist "Emancipation Daily" editorialized that the United States "is seeking to dominate Chinese internal affairs and foreign policy."

The daily asserted that American steamers operate in Chinese rivers, American munitions dominate in the equipment of the Nationalist army, American military advisors dominate the government's army and American goods and capital dominate Chinese markets, "destroying Chinese industry."

— Associated Press.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were: Miss L. E. Cooke, Capt. J. A. Wawn, Capt. S. V. Leslie, V. R. W. Engstrom, G. Weller, Capt. C. D. Williams, Lt. A. H. Williams, Lt. Cdr. S. E. Ellison, Ens. A. J. Kaye, Lt. Cdr. R. C. McGrath, D. R. Williams, W. Watson Peace and Lt. T. A. Smith.

Departures the same day were: C. F. Stewart, Capt. N. Hemsworth and R. Donnan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frenkel and Son, E. B. Price, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ma, Y. F. Nee and Capt. M. K. Nasholds.

Mr. L. A. Mackay, of the Charter Bank, left yesterday by the S.S. "Gontaga Victory" for Manila on transfer to the Bank's branch office there. The Rev. Joseph Wyck, a Catholic missionary, also left by the same vessel to return to his work in the Philippines.

A first class seaman, F. K. Chiu, of the U.S.S. Kermik Roosevelt, was charged before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday with assaulting a Police constable at Chongking Road Central on June 27.

At the request of Inspector B. Sell, the case was adjourned.

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Ship-master Fined \$300

"Discharging passengers without first submitting to quarantine examination in the present epidemic is a dangerous practice, and I take a very serious view of the offence," said Comdr. A.S.D. Ryder in the Marine Court yesterday when Chen Sin-fong, master of the motor vessel "Mary" appeared before him on a charge of carrying 14 excess passengers.

Mr. W. L. Morrison of the Harbour Department, prosecuting, said that on the afternoon of June 26 a telephone message was received from Junk Inspector Rull that the "Mary" was discharging passengers in Shaohkiwan Bay. Mr. Morrison, accompanied by two boarding officers, went down to Shaohkiwan, but by the time they arrived all the passengers had disembarked.

The ship's papers showed, however, that there were 26 passengers, which was 14 in excess of the number permitted.

Accused, admitting the charge, pleaded that the 14 excess passengers were Chinese soldiers who had forced themselves on the vessel at Swabue with an order from the district officer compelling him, the accused, to carry them.

Mr. Morrison said that a serious feature of the case was that accused had failed to submit to quarantine examination before discharging passengers, and that the vessel was now in consequence in quarantine for five days.

Comdr. Ryder, after uttering the remark above mentioned, asked the interpreter to inform accused that the maximum fine for the offence was \$300 for each excess passenger, but that in this case he would impose a fine of \$300 only, with a warning that quarantine regulations must be complied with in future.

CHILDREN

Frankfurt, June 28.

A search for Nazi kidnapped Czechoslovak children — particularly those missing from the city of Tabor — will be carried on in Germany by the Czechoslovak Red Cross Society.

I.N.R.R.A. officials said the Red Cross had joined a group of voluntary agencies working in cooperation with U.N.R.R.A.'s displaced persons division and was prepared to send searches to Germany immediately. — Associated Press.

R.A.F. Booking Centre Moves

The R.A.F. Booking centre has been moved from Gloucester Arcade to Arlington Hotel, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

"It Is Easier To Believe"

"This evening I want to tell you quite simply a few of the reasons why we believe in God; why in fact it is easier to believe than disbelieve." In these words the Rev. C. Hanna, R.N.V.R., Chaplain of H.M.S. Nabetcher, began the second talk by Service Chaplains last night at St. Andrews, Nathan Road.

He said that belief in the existence of a God or gods was an universal human instinct. Men seem to need God, and as satisfaction is provided for our other needs, such as hunger, warmth and companionship, it is reasonable to suppose that our instinct for God may be satisfied too. Belief in God is not, however, mere "wishful thinking" but is founded on sound reasons.

The Jewish belief in God, on which Christianity is founded, rested on four main foundations. To the question "Who made the world?", "Who has guided our nation through prosperity and adversity to its present position?" and "How is it that men know the difference between right and wrong?" the Jews answered "God." It is still difficult for us to explain the ordered beauty of nature, the gradual development we see in history, and our own moral conscience, without assuming the existence of a creative spiritual being with a moral purpose.

Finally, the Jews believed because many of them had personal experience of God. This is in the long run the only satisfying evidence. The existence of God can never be proved or disproved if by proof we mean scientific or mathematical demonstration, for such demonstration is applicable to material things only. We can only be quite convinced of the reality of God when we have ourselves felt his influence, and to achieve this an act of imaginative faith is necessary.

Our own strongest foundation for belief, however, is the life of Jesus Christ, which is to-morrow's subject.

The Rev. J. Ryder, Staff Chaplain, spoke.

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H.K. Leak In S'hai's Preventive System

Shanghai, June 28.

Though the Shanghai Customs authorities are improving their preventive measures in every way possible, they have been unable to put a stop to the smuggling of an estimated CN\$2,000,000,000 (£200,000) worth of contraband into the city every month.

The heaviest smuggling traffic is in goods on the prohibited import list, including cosmetics, silks and wool. Local shops, however, are heavily stocked with imported items of this description, and though there is alleged to be corruption among minor Chinese Customs officials, this cannot account for more than a fraction of the prohibited goods, prominently displayed all over the city.

Chinese sources point to Hong Kong as the biggest leak in the preventive system. The standard practice, they state, is for shippers to take their cargoes to the free port, whence it is easily smuggled to the mainland after dark, due to the insufficiency of control. Once these goods reach the Chinese mainland they can easily be moved into Shanghai, as they are no longer regarded as imports, but as goods stocked in China.

U.S. Army

U.N.R.R.A. and U.S. Army transport facilities are also responsible to some extent for the evasion of Customs regulations, it is alleged. Luggage and cargoes brought in by personnel of these organisations are immune from search, and it is suggested that they take advantage of this to bring what they please into Shanghai.

The Customs authorities have taken steps to tighten preventive control in the port area, but are severely handicapped by the lack of inspection vessels. The fleet of eight patrol boats in service before the war is now unserviceable, due to neglect and misuse. Several new craft have been ordered from America, however, and will soon be in service.

Even if it is possible to stop contraband being landed from ships entering Shanghai, there is nothing to stop smugglers from putting ashore on anyone of the hundreds of unguarded beaches up and down the Chinese coast, and then bringing their goods into the city by land. This is recognised by the authorities, whose aim at present is only to make it as difficult as possible for smugglers to operate, by closing the easier routes. — Reuter.

BRITAIN TO BLAME?

Washington, June 28.

Food officials, who declined the use of their names, today blamed the British for the failure to relieve the Southeast Asia rice shortage.

They said rice in that area could come only from Siam and the Siamese are unwilling to sell because the British are offering too low a price. The officials agreed that the problem of getting rice out of Siam for re-allocation to needy areas is in British hands.

They commented that the governors of Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaya have made representations to London and Washington for a revision of the Combined Food Board's system of rice allocation in those areas.

The Department of Agriculture and the State Department indicated that no protests have been received. Officials said: "Some word may have come to subsidiary food officials."

However, the officials emphasized that no such representations are receiving the attention of higher food officials in Washington.

An Agriculture Department official said: "The executives of Hong Kong, Singapore and British Malaya will find the answer to their dissatisfaction with rice allocation for Southeast Asia in Siam. Siam has the only appreciable rice surplus in the world."

"The fact is that thus far the British have been unwilling to offer Siam the present world prices for its surplus cereals. Until they do, Southeast Asia is unlikely to obtain additional rice which can come only from Siam," he declared. — Associated Press.

BALI BETTER

San Francisco, June 28.

The Netherlands Information Bureau reported that Bali is regaining its economic equilibrium by resuming exports.

Its May exports include 1,032 long tons of crude rubber, worth around \$300,000. Other exports were coconut oil, soy beans, fruits and eggs. — Associated Press.

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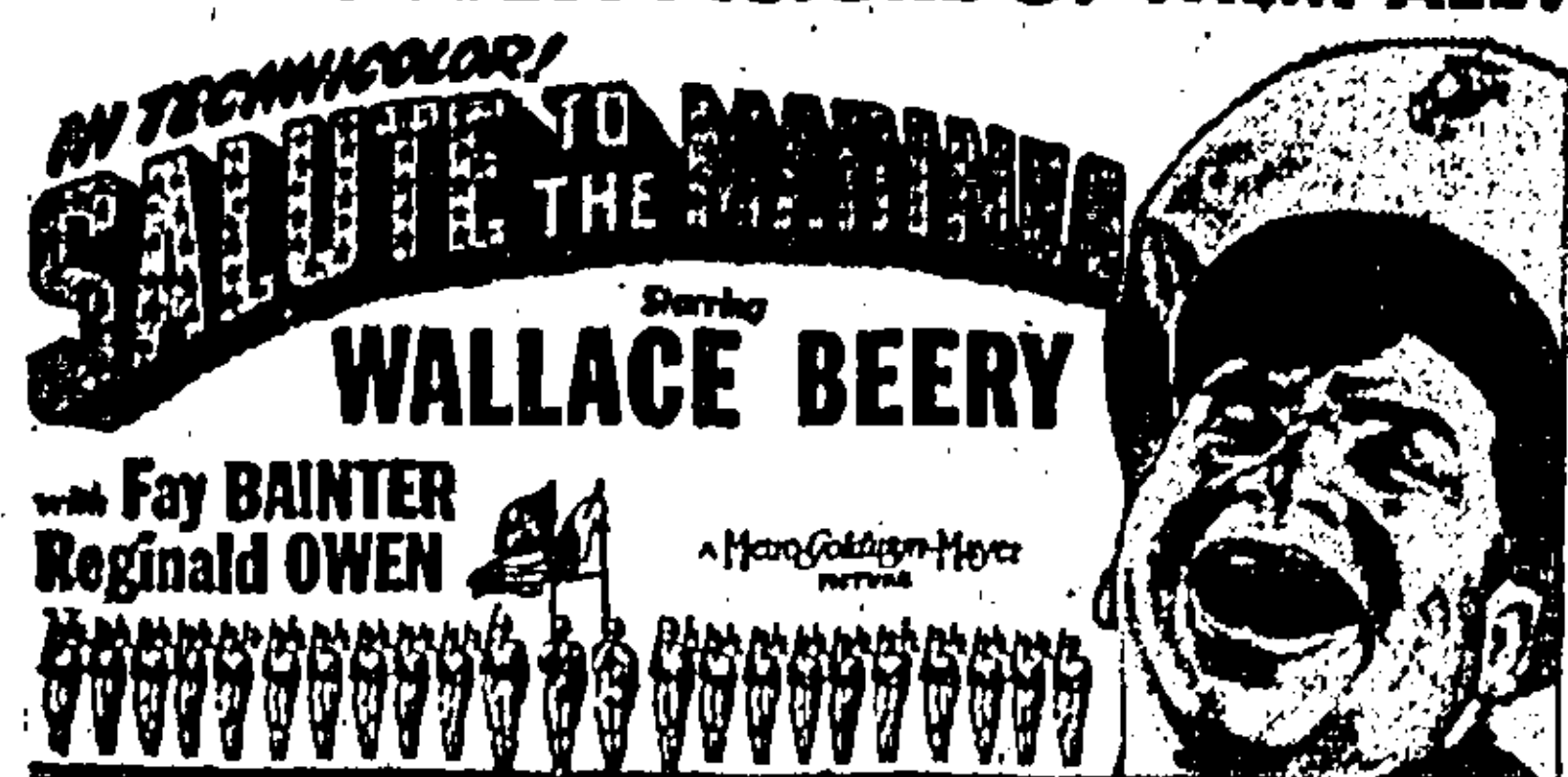
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Big Four Hand Back Dodecanese To Greece

Paris, June 28.

One of the most dramatic moments in the Foreign Ministers' Conference, the recent sessions of which have been dull, came tonight when the Ministers reached the unanimous decision to return the Dodecanese islands to Greece. The islands are to be de-militarised.

This was one of the four decisions taken by the Ministers in a new spirit to settle all outstanding points, particularly of the Balkan treaties, this week and clear the way for the week-end stock-taking of their chances of a final agreement.

Other decisions were:

1. To accept the French claims for modifications in the Franco-Italian frontier, involving Briga Tenda of northern Italy.

2. To limit the Bulgarian navy to 7,250 tons and total personnel to 8,100.

3. To use Rumanian foreign assets to settle Allied claims against Rumania.

The Ministers are meeting again tomorrow afternoon to continue their "spurt towards peace" with further discussions of the Balkan treaties and other as yet unsettled topics.

Much of tonight's agreement which left Mr. James Byrnes (United States) saying he would need a moment to catch

his breath—was ushered by Mr. Molotov (Soviet) with the unexpected announcement that he was now ready to agree to the Dodecanese islands being returned to Greece, and likewise prepared to accept the French demands for the plateau Mont Cenis and the Briga Tenda region.

Got Along Fine

Despite yesterday's deadlock over Trieste, when Mr. Molotov's proposal for dual Italo-Yugoslav sovereignty over the city was rejected, unexpected optimism prevailed in conference circles tonight.

Senator Vandenberg, of the United States delegation, came out of Luxembourg Palace tonight with the smiling announcement: "I almost feel I can begin packing."

Senator Tom Connally, in Paris as a member of Mr. Byrnes' delegation, said after this afternoon's meeting: "We got along fine. We got a lot of matters settled."

It was towards the end of the session that Mr. Molotov said he had finished his study of the Dodecanese problems and was prepared to agree that the islands be returned to Greece, on condition that the islands be de-militarised. Mr. Molotov's proposal was accepted unanimously.

Following discussion of the Rumanian and Bulgarian treaties, Mr. Molotov brought up the French-Italian question for discussion, and said he would accept the French demand for Mont Cenis and Briga Tenda. He added he wished guarantees providing for Italians sharing the hydro-electric power in Briga Tenda be included in the treaty. Mr. Byrnes said this had been the United States position all along. A full agreement was reached.

Molotov Declaration

The Foreign Ministers then agreed to limit the Bulgarian navy and personnel. They agreed that Rumanian foreign assets in United Nations territories would be used to settle the just claims of the United Nations, or their nationals, against Rumania, or its nationals. Any balance would be returned to Rumania. Mr. Molotov asked that pre-war debts be included as just claims, and only the final drafting remained.

It was after Mr. Molotov's proposals on the Italo-French border and the Dodecanese that Mr. Byrnes said he would need a moment to watch his breath. Mr. Molotov this afternoon told the other three Ministers that he was prepared to accept the proposal made by Mr. Bevin yesterday that the "Big Four" sign a declaration expressing their intention to keep the Danube free for shipping and committing the big powers to take the necessary steps to secure adherence of the Danubian States to the principle of free Danubian navigation.

Mr. Molotov, however, insisted that the phrase "on the basis of complete equality" be deleted from the declaration, because it represented infringement of the rights of the Danubian States. Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes both refused to accept the Soviet suggested deletion, and the question was bypassed.

Bevin Alone

After failure to agree on Mr. Bevin's declaration, on the Danube, Mr. Byrnes said he would revert to his original position and insist that the clause stipulating freedom of the Danube be included in the Rumanian treaty.

Mr. Bevin at this afternoon's meeting found himself standing alone on the question of including in the Rumanian treaty a clause providing for automatic revision of multilateral pre-war conventions covering shipping and civil aviation.

Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Molotov and Mr. Bevin all felt that such a clause was unnecessary.

Mr. Bevin's delegate then said for more time to study the question of revision and

R.A.F. COLLISION

Hull, June 28.

The crew of six of a Wellington bomber were killed in a mid-air crash today, with a Spitfire over the village of Hutton Cranswick, East Yorks.

The Spitfire pilot lost his life. The aircraft were on exercise—Reuter.

Wave Of Terror In Honduras

Guatemala, June 27.

The local press says that four Honduran newspaper executives have arrived, fleeing from what they termed the "wave of terror" in Honduras directed especially against newsmen and students.

They are quoted as saying that two editors were among a number recently imprisoned in Honduras.

The newspaper "Nuestro Diario" says that refugees and prisoners have been "fooled" by President Tiburcio Caria's proclamation of freedom of the press several months ago.—Associated Press.

Nazis Planned To Invade Sweden

Moscow, June 27.

Germany planned to invade Sweden at one time during World War II but was forced to give up the idea by Soviet victories at Orel and Kursk in 1943, the Russian newspaper "Red Star" said today.

At least 15 divisions were poised in Norway, Finland and Latvia for the invasion, with large forces in reserve.

The paper said that the Germans were counting for help on the "influence of the Swedish armed forces commander-in-chief, General Tormell" with whom the German military attaché in Stockholm, Lt. Gen. Von Utman, was described as having "close ties."

The Germans also counted on the influence of the Swedish general staff information chief, Colonel Adlerskriet, who had already cooperated with them for a long time, and on the support of a considerable part of the Swedish officer corps, the "Red Star" said.

The main thrust was planned from Norway, where six divisions, including two tank divisions, were due to strike from Trondheim, through Sundswall and Esterzund.

Other German units were ready at Narvik and Regnan for a march toward Kirun and Oslo. Still others were in Finland, aimed for Boden, and landing forces were poised at Libau, ready to cross the Baltic and strike at Southern Sweden.—Associated Press.

mine executives were punished for misappropriation of missing funds in various kinds of plants and enterprises throughout Russia.—Associated Press.

Mass Move In Soviet

Moscow, June 27.

Mass evacuations of two States and liquidation of two Republics was disclosed today with the adoption by the Supreme Soviet of Soviet Federation of decrees issued some time previously by the presidium.

The date of issuance was not given. One of the decrees said detachments of Tartars and Chechens "waged an armed struggle" against the Red Army on the side of Germany in the days "when the German invasion was at its floodtide."

Another decree said those who resettled "will be given new land and assistance" in starting life again. The places of resettlement were not announced. North Caucasus included Grozny and Mesdok oilfields which the Germans reached at the height of their invasion before their reverse at Stalingrad.

The Republic's population was placed at 600,000. The Crimean State's population is listed as nearly 1,000,000 in the 1939 Soviet encyclopedia.

The Ministry of State Control also disclosed more than a score of factory officials and

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Economic Prospects
Of Siam Promising

Bangkok, June 28.

Hungry Asia's urgent need for rice has catapulted
wily little Siam out of the ranks of defeated
debtor nations and made her a favoured Anglo-
American ally with the best economic pros-
pects of any southeast Asiatic country.

She is scheduled to accumulate during the next
year the equivalent of \$18,000,000 in foreign
credits. Britain is sending her 15,000,000 yards
of textiles, a commodity urgently needed by
every Asiatic area east of India.

Hopeful Results

British food officials conceded
that the Siamese government
could do little about the situa-
tion. Much rice was being held
by Chinese merchants waiting
for a higher price which would
be payable in something beside
devaluated Siamese currency.

The country's internal trans-
portation was seriously disor-
ganised; replacement locomotives,
railway wagons, trucks,
gasoline and bridges were not
available on the market. Farm-
ers didn't want money either.

They were waiting for textiles,
cigarettes and other scarce con-
sumer goods.

The Anglo-Siamese-American
rice agreement, signed on May
9, changed all that. The cur-
rency was pegged at 40 ticals
to the pound sterling. Payment
was guaranteed for 1,200,000
tons of rice to be exported dur-
ing the coming year.

The price later was raised to
double the pre-war level. Tex-
tiles were ordered in; the first
shipment was due in June. The
arrival of 22,000,000 cigarettes
deflated the price 75 per cent.

Serums and hypodermics were
 flown in to check a serious
epidemic killing off water
buffalo.

The results during the first
weeks after the signing of the
tripartite agreement were
"hopeful" if not sensational.
—Associated Press.

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U.S. Loan
To Poland

Washington, June 28.

The United States has made
important progress in its per-
sistent efforts to learn what inter-
national economic deals are being
made in eastern Europe.

A stepping-stone was the re-
statement of the \$90,000,000 credit
programme for Poland. The loan
agreement provides that Poland
shall supply America with the
text of Polish pacts with Russia
and other countries.

As a result, United States offi-
cials hope to obtain soon the first
official detailed information con-
cerning Poland's arrangement
with the Soviet Union, Hungary,
Rumania, Denmark, Norway and
other States.

State Department officials are
chiefly concerned with finding the
extent to which the U.S.S.R. may be
obtaining exclusive trading rights
or dominating the international
economics of the eastern Euro-
pean countries. —Associated Press.

Scrap Crisis In
America

New York, June 28.

The Iron Age Magazine said
one of the most serious iron
and steel scrap shortages since
the wartime crisis confronts
steel producers.

It said some scrap is being
held back in hopes of higher
prices, but it is insufficient to
have a bearing on the general
supply.

The shortage is blamed par-
tially on increased use of scrap
in recent months when the pig
iron output was abnormally low.
Despite the shortages, the steel
industry is operating at an in-
creased rate of 2 1/2 points to
88.5 per cent of the rated
capacity. —Associated Press.

GRAIN PRICES

Winnipeg, June 27.

Rye contracts jumped five
cents; July closing at \$3.02.
In Chicago, oats closed about
one cent higher after the market
fluctuated over a fairly wide
range.

The fluctuations were prompted
by such conflicting influences as
expanded country offerings and
the start of the Senate filibuster
against OPA legislation.

Selling was heaviest in the clos-
ing minutes. Oats closed at 58 1/100
of a cent higher;
August 87 1/2, July unchanged at
88.

Corn bid at \$1.46 1/4 and barley
at \$1.35 1/4. —Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS
MARKET

New Orleans, June 27.

Cotton closed at \$2.16 to \$2.70
per bale higher.
July 30.90 bid, October 38.88-90,
December 31.02-08, March 31.16-
18, May 31.08, Middling Spot
30.85. —Associated Press.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, June 27.

Cotton soared to the permissible
\$5 limit on a broad buying wave,
inspired by the belief that price
controls will largely be eliminated.
Fruit taking in the final hour,
however, cut gains in half. Fu-
tures closed at \$2.05 to \$2.90
higher.

July 31.05-04, October 31.02-10,
December 31.13-18, March 31.08-
06, May 31.00, Middling Spot
31.06. —Associated Press.

H.C.L. UP

Bern, June 28.

The cost of living in Switzer-
land at the end of February had
risen by 60.1 per cent over
August, 1939, when the war
began, the Federal government
disclosed.

The increase from June 1914,
just before World War I, was
figured at 205.9 per cent. —As-
sociated Press.

U.S. SAILINGS

San Francisco, June 28.

The Philippine steamer,
"San Vincente" arrived here
from San Pedro today.

Sailing from here yesterday
were the President Madison,
Marino Panther and the Mar-
chen Maarak for Manila. —As-
sociated Press.

N.Y. EXCHANGES

New York, June 27.

Foreign Exchange: Canada
90.75, France 94.25,
Argentina 24.51. All others un-
changed. —Associated Press.

Washington, June 28.

The Civilian Production Ad-
ministration announced that
nine industrial plants had
been shut down because of
molasses imports. —Associated
Press.

Hides Import
Control Goes

Washington, June 28.

The Government has
revoked all import con-
trols of hides, skins and
leather, and relaxed
price ceilings to permit
free competition for
world supplies.

Both actions resulted from a
decision of the combined Hides,
Skins and Leather Committee—
on which the United States and
13 other nations are repre-
sented—to dissolve.

The decision was made simul-
taneously with the scrapping of
all previous rulings of the Com-
mittee.

The Office of Price Adminis-
tration announces that Ameri-
can importers now may figure
their ceiling by adding the
mark-up margin of five per
cent to the cost of skins and
leather. —Associated Press.

PRODUCTION UNDER
SCHEDULE

Detroit, June 27.

A total of 654,000 passenger
cars, over 1,680,000 below sched-
ule, were produced during the
first six months of this year, the
Automobile Manufacturers' Asso-
ciation reported.

It estimated that \$1,500,000,000
in sales have been lost already
this year and additional losses
are anticipated.

George Romney, president of
the Association said strikes, short-
ages of materials, "directly or in-
directly caused by the restrictive
government policies," and labour
productivity factors are contribut-
ing to the low production curve.
—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

"I am struck," writes Alfred
F. Parker, of Portland, Oregon,
"by the frequency with which
game can be made with two re-
latively shabby four-card
hands when more impressive
holdings fail. Here is a case in point:

North, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

B. K 8 7 5

H. A K 9 8 7

D. —

C. A Q 7 6

B. Q 7 10

H. 5 3

D. K 6 5

C. 9 8 4 3 2

B. A 9 0 4

H. 4 2

D. 9 8 4 3 2

C. J 10 "

The bidding:

North East South West

1H 1H 1S 2C

2H 2H 2S 2S

3H 3H 3S 3S

4S 4S 4S 4S

West led a diamond. Declarer

ruffed in dummy and entered his

hand with the club and let it ride.

He then led a club and let it ride.

East took the club King and re-
turned a trump to dummy's King.

Declarer entered his hand with

his remaining club and went back

to dummy with a heart to cash

his high clubs, on which he let

go two diamonds. He next cashed

dummy's top heart and ruffed a

low heart. West over-ruffed, but

South made his ninth and tenth

tricks with ruffs.

"The curious thing is that game

can be made only at spades!"

We thoroughly agree with Mr.

Parker's observations. Besides

presenting a well played hand as

an example, he has made a point

which is often overlooked. A

shabby four-card suit may not

look particularly attractive by it-
self, but it is usually an idealtrump suit if partner has a simi-
lar holding. One of the aims of

modern expert bidding is to reach

games which can be made in

such suits; and this aim is fur-
thered by avoiding restrictions onthe biddableness of four-card
suits.

Yesterday you were Morwin

Major's partner and, with neither

side vulnerable, you hold:

S A J 9 3

H J 7 4

D A 6 3

C J 9 4

The bidding:

You Schenken

1H Pass 1S Pass

2H Pass 2NT Pass

3S Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump.

Your partner has three spades to

an honour and is giving you the

choice between three no-trump

and four spades. Since you can

see no advantage in playing the

no-trump game, you choose the
no-trump game.Score 100 per cent for three no-
trump, 80 per cent for pass, 20
per cent for four spades.

Question

Today you are Oswald Jacoby's

partner and, with neither side

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